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SHOCKWAVES NME AWARDS TOUR 2008

HITTING THE ROAD AND HAMMERING THE VERY BEST IN NEW MUSIC HOME!

THE CRIBS, JOE LEAN AND THE JING JANG JONG, DOES IT OFFEND YOU, YEAH? & THE TING TINGS

The line-up for the infamous **Shockwaves NME Awards Tour** is ready to rock. **The Cribs** will headline the UK and Ireland's most hotly anticipated annual tour, with **Joe Lean And The Jing Jang Jong**, **Does It Offend You, Yeah?** and **The Ting Tings** completing the stellar line up for the **Shockwaves NME Awards Tour**, which kicks off in Belfast on **29th January 2008**.

Ryan Jarman of The Cribs said: *"It feels so exciting. Whenever I go on tour I say I'm going to war – and this is a very exciting war!"*

Whether it be war or love and peace between the bands, it's set to be one hell of a show. Bringing together the best of the new bands with the hottest new art-rockers in **Joe Lean and the Jing Jang Jong**, the hottest new dance band in **Does It Offend You, Yeah?** and the hottest new indie pop band in **The Ting Tings** – that's a whole lot of hot!

The tour has always been a fizzingly fertile breeding ground for breaking the best new talent with the likes of Franz Ferdinand, Klaxons, Arctic Monkeys, Bloc Party and The Killers having graced previous rosters. NME is once again proud to present four of the most hotly tipped bands for Shockwaves NME Awards Tour 2008.

Having already toured with Franz Ferdinand and set to support the legendary Sex Pistols at their comeback gigs in Brixton, **The Cribs** are already leaders on the live circuit and are ready to wow their most devoted crowd to date with this headline slot on the **Shockwaves NME Awards Tour**.

Next on the bill is **Joe Lean and the Jing Jang Jong**. This fiery five piece from London released debut single 'Lucio Starts Fire' last month and they're sure to get gig goers pretty hot, creating "sweat on sweat on lips on lips on sweat" as part of the Shockwaves NME Awards Tour 2008.

Joe Lean and the Jing Jang Jong said: *"I met Ryan from The Cribs after the NME Awards when he'd cut himself open. He was bleeding when I met him. He had blood running down his leg, so I helped him into the ambulance. It'll be cool to catch up."*

Having already declared, 'We Are Rockstars' the cheekily charming electro outfit that we know and love as **Does It Offend You, Yeah?** are the rising stars of dancefloor mayhem, making them perfectly placed to cause a ruckus on the dancefloor as part of the Shockwaves NME Tour 2008.

Does It Offend You, Yeah? said: *"When we decide to, we go in and party hard. On tour we usually party for the first week, then it hits you and you're screwed. You have to leave it for a week. Then go for it again."*

Grabbing the opening slot – once filled by Kaiser Chiefs, Coldplay and Franz Ferdinand and often seen as the most coveted, is **The Ting Tings**, who bagged the honour this time round. Having being picked to play the BBC Introducing Stage at Glastonbury this year and fresh from touring with Reverend and the Makers, the Ting Tings will be heading straight from Salford and back onto the open road to join this month long party.

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Jules De Martino of The Ting Tings said: *"We're chuffed to bits! We've got the legendary first spot – we're going to have a right blast then party for the rest of the night. It's going to be our year highlight, even though it starts in January."*

The **Shockwaves NME Awards Tour** has become a legendary starting block for bands on the road to greatness, having booked (at the time) mere unknowns such as Arctic Monkeys, Coldplay, Franz Ferdinand, The Killers and Kaiser Chiefs, who all went on to become the biggest and most critically acclaimed band of the year.

NME Associate Editor Dan Silver says, *"The NME Awards tour has earned a deserved reputation for unearthing the hottest new talent around and this year is no exception. 2008 promises to be an amazing year for live music and we're thrilled that these bands will be leading the charge"*

SHOCKWAVES NME AWARDS TOURS 2008 dates in full:

JANUARY 2008

29th Belfast Mandela Hall
30th Dublin Ambassador Theatre

FEBRUARY 2008

1st Glasgow Barrowland
2nd Manchester Academy
3rd Newcastle Carling Academy
4th Lincoln Engine Shed
6th Birmingham Carling Academy
7th Liverpool University
8th Leeds University
11th Sheffield Octagon
12th Nottingham Rock City
13th Norwich UEA
15th Cambridge Corn Exchange
16th Leicester University
17th Oxford Carling Academy
19th Bristol Carling Academy
20th Cardiff University
21st Portsmouth Pyramid
22nd London Brixton Academy

Tickets on-sale on Friday 16th November at NME.COM/Gigs or by calling NME Tickets on 08712 901094

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Further info on the Shockwaves NME Awards can be found at WWW.NME.COM/awards
Tickets are exclusively available online at www.nme.com/gigs from Monday 12th November till Friday 16th November or by calling the booking line there after

Ticket prices for **ShockWaves NME Awards Tour** in UK are (insert info)

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